

FORT SAN CARLOS DE BARRANCAS (NPS)

Gulf Islands National Seashore, Pensacola

This semicircular brick shore battery, built at the end of the 18th century, was an important element in the defenses of Spanish Pensacola. In 1814 it fell to Andrew Jackson, who invaded Florida in response to British-Spanish collaboration during the War of 1812. U.S. Army Engineers built Fort Barrancas on the site of Fort San Carlos in 1834-1844. Located at the Pensacola Naval Air Station, the battery is part of Gulf Islands National Seashore.